

**Topical Heading**

## Postsecondary Improvement

**Program Title**Program for North American Mobility in  
Higher Education**Also Known as**

Institutional Cooperation and Student Mobility in Higher Education Among the United States, Canada, and Mexico, U.S.-Canada-Mexico Program, North American Program, FIPSE

**CFDA # (or ED #)**

84.116N

**Administering Office**

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

**Who May Apply (by category)**

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Nonprofit Organizations, Other Organizations and/or Agencies

**Who May Apply (specifically)**

Consortia of institutions, nonprofit organizations, and other organizations or agencies may apply.

**Current Competitions**

FY 2006 application deadline: April 17, 2006.

**Type of Assistance (by category)**

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

**Appropriations**

Fiscal Year 2004        \$1,884,000

Fiscal Year 2005        \$1,658,000

Fiscal Year 2006        \$1,484,000

Note: The amount shown for fiscal year 2006 under Appropriations above is a portion of the FY 2006 appropriation for the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) programs.

**Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information**

*Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.*

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 10

Average New Award: \$30,000

Range of New Awards: \$28,000–\$30,000

Number of Continuation Awards: 20

Average Continuation Award: \$59,000

Range of Continuation Awards: \$58,000–\$60,000

**Legislative Citation**

*Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended, Title VII, Part B; 20 *U.S.C.* 1138–1138d.

**Program Regulations**

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**Program Description**

The program promotes a student-centered, North American dimension to education and training in a wide range of academic and professional disciplines that complement existing forms of bilateral and trilateral exchange programs among Mexico, Canada, and the United States. Consortia are funded for four years with the first year of funding dedicated to establishing consortium agreements or memoranda of understanding among institutions in the participating countries.

**Types of Projects**

Projects are intended to:

- Encourage cooperation and exchange among higher education institutions in the United States, Mexico, and Canada;
- Increase the knowledge of the languages, cultures, and institutions of these three countries;
- Increase the quality of human resources development in the three countries;
- Explore ways to prepare students to work throughout North America; and
- Augment student mobility, through mutual recognition and portability of credits and by developing joint curricula and degrees.

**Education Level (by category)**

Postsecondary

**Subject Index**

Educational Improvement, Higher Education, International Education, Mobility, Postsecondary Education, Recognition (Achievement)

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